

**PERFORMANCE BOND**  
**Annual Form**

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
One Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183

Bond No. 104575817

**KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS**, That we Mountain Telecommunications, Inc., as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, of Hartford, Connecticut, authorized to do business in the State of Arizona, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto State of Arizona, as Obligee, in the maximum penal sum of Three Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by this Surety Bond.

**WHEREAS**, the Principal has entered, or is about to enter, into a written agreement with the Obligee to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Telecommunications Carrier Services; Solicitation Number EPS060014, (hereinafter referred to as the Contract), said Contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the condition of this obligation is such that if the above named Principal, its successors and assigns, shall well and truly perform its obligations as set forth in the above mentioned Contract, then this Bond shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect pursuant to its terms.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Contract, the Bond is subject to the following express conditions:

1. Whereas, the Obligee has agreed to accept this Bond, this Bond shall be effective for the definite period of January 18, 2006 to January 18, 2007. The Bond may be extended, at the sole option of the Surety, by continuation certificate for additional periods from the expiry date hereof. However, neither: (a) the Surety's decision not to issue a continuation certificate, nor (b) the failure or inability of the Principal to file a replacement bond or other security in the event the Surety exercises its right to not renew this Bond, shall itself constitute a loss to the Obligee recoverable under this bond or any extension thereof.
2. The above referenced Contract has a term ending January, 2009 which may be extended by the Obligee and/or Principal to January, 2011. Regardless of the number of years this Bond is in force or the number of continuation certificates issued, this Bond shall not be extended beyond January 18, 2011, unless earlier nonrenewed pursuant to paragraph 1 above.
3. No claim, action, suit or proceeding, except as hereinafter set forth, shall be had or maintained against the Surety on this instrument unless such claim, action, suit or proceeding is brought or instituted upon the Surety within one year from termination or expiration of the bond term.
4. Regardless of the number of years this Bond is in force or the number of continuation certificates issued, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative in amounts from period to period and shall in no event exceed the amount set forth above, or as amended by rider.
5. Any notice, demand, certification or request for payment, made under this Bond shall be made in writing to the Surety at the address specified below. Any demand or request for payment must be made prior to the expiry date of this Bond.

Surety Address: Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  
One Tower Square, 4PB  
Hartford, CT 06183  
Attn: Bond Claim

6. If any conflict or inconsistency exists between the Surety's obligations or undertakings as described in this Bond and as described in the underlying Contract, then the terms of this Bond shall prevail.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 18th day of January, 2006.

Mountain Telecommunications, Inc.

By: [Signature]  
Principal

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

By: [Signature]  
Laura Mary Kessler, Attorney-In-Fact

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA**  
**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY**  
**FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY**  
Hartford, Connecticut 06183-9062

**POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY,** corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having their principal offices in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, (hereinafter the "Companies") hath made, constituted and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute and appoint: **Joseph C. Dhuey, Tina K. Nierenberg, Charles A. Touche, Priscilla Itule, Frances Farnsworth, CherRon D. Summers, Laura Mary Kessler, Maggie Hammarston, of Tucson, Arizona,** their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge, at any place within the United States, the following instrument(s): by his/her sole signature and act, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking and any and all consents incident thereto and to bind the Companies, thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following Standing Resolutions of said Companies, which Resolutions are now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her.

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary.

VOTED: That any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary, or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority.

**This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile (mechanical or printed) under and by authority of the following Standing Resolution voted by the Boards of Directors of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, which Resolution is now in full force and effect:**

VOTED: That the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY have caused this instrument to be signed by their Senior Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 19th day of April, 2005.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

}SS. Hartford

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY



By

George W. Thompson  
Senior Vice President

On this 19th day of April, 2005 before me personally came **GEORGE W. THOMPSON** to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he/she is Senior Vice President of **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY** and **FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY**, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; and that he/she executed the said instrument on behalf of the corporations by authority of his/her office under the Standing Resolutions thereof.



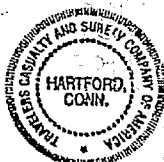
My commission expires June 30, 2006 Notary Public  
Marie C. Tetreault

#### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Senior Vice President of **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY** and **FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY**, stock corporations of the State of Connecticut, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Standing Resolutions of the Boards of Directors, as set forth in the Certificate of Authority, are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at the Home Office of the Company, in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Dated this 18th day of

January 2006



By

Nicholas Seminara  
Senior Vice President